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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Food products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Foods. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 252 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_4008_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_4008_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed amendment seeks to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Revise the Manufacturing/Processing Standards to allow 'Beverage base' and 'Processed fruit/vegetable product' to be manufactured in tablets;</li><li>2. Revise the Manufacturing/Processing Standards to allow acidic foods (pH of not more than 4.6) which require sterilization to be manufactured by pasteurization;</li><li>3. Revise the Food Irradiation Standard to allow the use of X-ray for food irradiation;</li><li>4. Exclude semi-processed bread products which are intended to be consumed after cooking from the application of limits for foodborne pathogens;</li><li>5. Remove the standard for total chlorine in 'Edible salts';</li><li>6. Revise the standards and specifications for prepared foods from food service business operator (including meal service facilities);</li><li>7. Revise the Annex 1 'Ingredients Approved for Use in Food' and Annex 2 'Ingredients Approved for Limited Use in Food';</li><li>8. Revise the applicable subject of the maximum residual limits of veterinary drugs in foods by including Roxarson and Arsanolic acid in the list of substances that shall not be detected in foods;</li><li>9. Establish and revise the maximum residual limits of pesticides in agricultural products (160 pesticides including Iminoctadine);</li><li>10. Establish and revise the maximum residual limits of veterinary drugs in foods (Arsanilic acid, Fluralaner, Gamithromycin);</li><li>11. Establish the maximum residual limits of pesticides in livestock and fishery products (Pydiflumetofen);</li><li>12. Revise the General Test Methods;</li><li>13. Reflect the amendments made in other laws and clarify some wordings.</li></ol>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2019-336, 8 July 2019 (available in Korean)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 September 2019</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1597 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a>. Also available from:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do Tel: +(82 43) 719 1597 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>